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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed on January 27, 2003, in which the period for reply expires April 22, 2003. Along with this Response, Applicant is submitting a Request For Continued Examination (RCE). The required submission under the RCE includes a previously submitted amendment, filed December 12, 2002, in which the Applicant requests the unentered amendments be entered and considered along with the arguments made in the amendment.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that the December 12, 2002 amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance because the applicant only argues against the rejections in the prior office action in light of the proposed, but not entered, amendments, and does not offer any arguments against the validity of the rejections with claims in the prior office action. Subsequently, because the amendments in the December 12, 2002 amendment will now be entered as part of this RCE, Applicants arguments made in the previous amendment are valid and no further arguments against the validity of the rejections of the claims in the prior office action are offered because those claims are no longer pending.

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Please enter the amendment filed on December 12, 2002 and consider the application with the pending claims, including those amended by the December 12, 2002 amendment. Based upon that amendment, the application should now stand in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, 17 and 22 (marked up version attached in Appendix), such that pending claims 1-24 are as follows:

1. (Amended) A slider for supporting a transducing head proximate a rotating disc, the slider comprising:

a slider body, including a primary air bearing and a secondary air bearing, the slider body having a disc opposing face bounded by a leading edge and a trailing edge wherein the transducing head is located on the disc opposing face proximate the trailing edge and on the secondary air bearing; and
means for permitting vertical movement of the transducing head with respect to the slider body in response to local disc surface topography to maintain head media spacing (HMS) between the transducing head and the disc substantially